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## APPLICATION FOR TAX CREDIT FOR CONSERVATION LANDS

### HOWARD COUNTY CODE SECTION 20.128

In accordance with the provisions of § 9-220 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, an owner of real property may receive a property tax credit equal to 100% of the county property tax imposed on real property if the property is conservation land OR the property owner is a Land Trust and the property is used to assist in the preservation of a natural area, for the environmental education of the public, generally to promote conservation, for the maintenance of a natural area for public use or a sanctuary for wildlife, or to conserve agricultural land and to promote continued agricultural use of the land.

The application shall be filed no later than April 1 prior to the first taxable year for which the credit is sought. All taxes are due and payable when issued. The credit may not exceed the amount of County Property Tax.

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Year beginning \_\_\_\_\_

Property Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### Section I:

Is this property is conservation land? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach copy of perpetual conservation easement or other proof of qualification under §9-220 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

#### Section II:

Is this property owned by a Land Trust certified by Maryland Environmental Trust? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach a copy of your written certification from Maryland Environmental Trust.

Is the property used :

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| (I) to assist the preservation of a natural area?                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (II) for the environmental education of the public?                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (III) generally to promote conservation?                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (IV) for the maintenance of:                                                             |                                                          |
| 1. a natural area for public use?                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. a sanctuary for wildlife?                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (V) to conserve agricultural land and to promote continued agricultural use of the land? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner

(Do Not Write Below This Line)

Assessment \_\_\_\_\_

County Tax \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Credit \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_